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Beltway Wishes It Had Thought of That

A burning big-rig loaded with yams caused a traffic problem on a Los Angeles-area freeway Thursday. The California Highway Patrol says a tractor-trailer hauling 50,000 pounds of the root vegetable caught fire in Glendale at about 2:30 a.m. No injuries were reported, but two of the four southbound lanes were closed for about seven and a half hours. (AP)

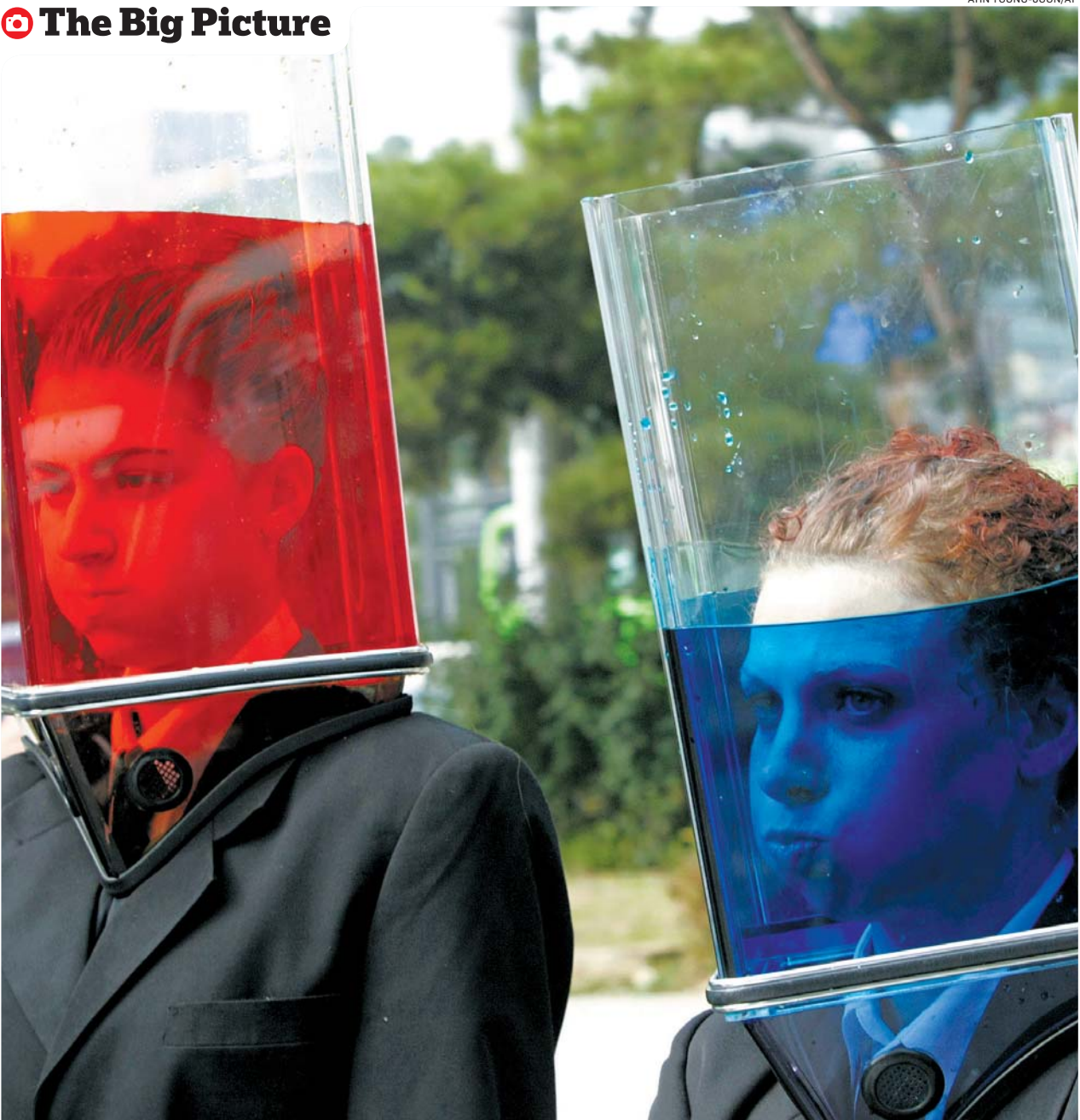
The Sign-Making Force Is Strong in That One

St. Louis County, Mo., highway officials are crediting a 6-year-old with making their road signs more accurate. David Hindes noted that a sign told motorists a single curve was ahead rather than multiple turns. He wrote a letter to highway administrators and won a tour of the county shop where signs are made. Hindes' mom says it was as if he had visited Santa's workshop. (AP)

She Used It to Get Into An Over-81 Club, Too

An 81-year-old San Antonio woman has been arrested on charges that she used her dead sister's identity to vote a second time in the 2008 general election. An affidavit says Mary Ann Comparin's older sister passed away in 1963, but the woman who goes by several aliases allegedly used her photo with the name and driver's license information of her late sister. (AP)

The Big Picture



TWO MEMBERS of street performance group Erth perform "Waterheads" in Seoul, South Korea, on Wednesday. The performance is part of the Hi Seoul Festival. (AP)

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Nothing Suspect Found After Plane Evacuated

Transportation security officials removed more than 100 passengers from a Bermuda-bound flight Thursday at Philadelphia International Airport after reports that someone was helping to load the plane without a security badge. Nothing suspicious was found in a sweep of the plane, and there was no suspected terrorist link, an official said. (AP)

ZAPATA, TEXAS

Mexico Joins Search For Body in Border Lake

An air and water search is on for the American tourist reportedly shot dead on a border lake by Mexican pirates, authorities said Thursday, two days after Texas Gov. Rick Perry called for more action. A Mexican official said the search began Wednesday but was suspended because of bad weather. (AP)

Answering Foreclosure Furor

Obama rejects a bill with risky potential as some seizures halt

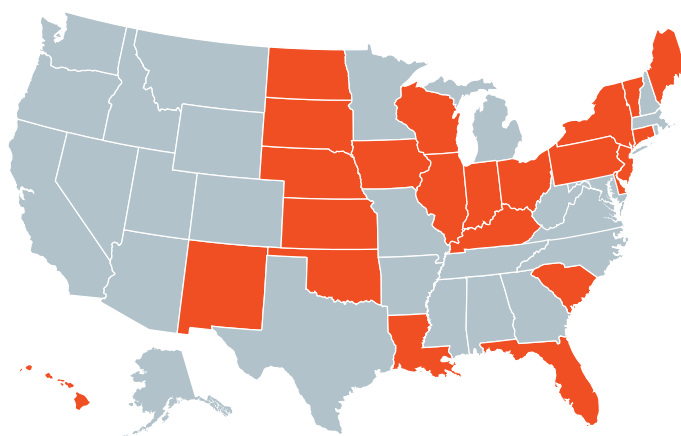
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President Obama rejected on Thursday a bill that the White House fears could worsen the mounting problems caused by flawed or misleading documents used by banks in home foreclosures.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said Obama is sending a newly passed bill back to Congress to be fixed because the current version has “unintended consequences on consumer protections.” The bill would loosen the process for providing a notary’s seal to documents and allow them to be done electronically.

Obama will not sign a bill that would allow foreclosure and other documents to be accepted among multiple states. Consumer advocates and state officials had argued the legislation would make it difficult for homeowners to challenge foreclosure documents prepared in other states.

O. Max Gardner, a consumer lawyer in Shelby, N.C., said the bill would have made the problems with foreclosure documents worse. That’s because mortgage companies would have been able to mass-



Foreclosures Freezing

Three major banks — Ally Financial Inc.’s GMAC Mortgage unit, Bank of America Corp. and JPMorgan Chase & Co. — recently have halted foreclosures in 23 states (shown in red) after evidence surfaced that their employees or outside lawyers signed documents without reading them or filed inaccurate paperwork. In some states, lenders can foreclose quickly on delinquent mortgage borrowers. By contrast, the 23 states use a lengthy court process. They require documents to verify information on the mortgage, including who owns it. (AP)

produce documents and affix a digital version of a notary’s seal.

“They could process more foreclosure cases with improper and invalid documents, and make it more difficult for consumers to try to fight,” he said.

A furor has been growing as evidence has surfaced that mortgage lenders have been evicting homeowners using flawed court papers. Attorney General Eric Holder said

“No one should lose their home because a mortgage company cut corners.”

— IOWA ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM MILLER, WHO IS LEADING AN INVESTIGATION IN HIS STATE INTO PROBLEMS WITH FILED FORECLOSURE DOCUMENTS.

Back to You

President Obama used a rare pocket veto to reject a bill on document notarization Thursday — a tactic for killing a bill that can be used only when Congress is not in session. Obama has yet to issue a traditional veto during his presidency. He has used a pocket veto once before, in December 2009, to address what amounted to a technicality on a defense spending bill. (AP)

Wednesday that the government is looking into the issue.

On Tuesday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and dozens of Democratic lawmakers urged the Justice Department to probe whether mortgage companies violated any laws in handling foreclosures.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., urged five large mortgage lenders on Thursday to suspend foreclosures in Nevada until they have set up systems to make sure homeowners aren’t “improperly directed into foreclosure proceedings.”

U.S. Reps. John Conyers and Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, both Michigan Democrats, said Wednesday that foreclosures should be halted in all 50 states. ALAN ZIBEL, BEN FELLER (AP)

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N.J. Abandons N.Y. Tunnel Plans

Christie cuts project to boost rail traffic because of costliness

Trenton, N.J.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Thursday killed a decades-in-the-making train tunnel connecting New Jersey and Manhattan, saying the state can't afford to pay for cost overruns on the under-way project.

Construction on the project began last year and was scheduled to be completed in 2018. The largest federal transportation project in the country, it was expected to double train traffic in and out of New York City during peak commute times.

But over the years, the cost for the tunnel has also nearly doubled.

It started at \$5 billion in 2005

MEL EVANS/AP

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie initially supported the rail tunnel to New York.

and grew to \$8.7 billion by 2008. In recent months, Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff has made public statements that put the price tag between \$9 billion and \$10 billion.

"I can't put taxpayers on a never-ending hook," Christie said Thursday.

New Jersey had committed \$2.7 billion to the project. The

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The number of years that plans for the now-canceled train tunnel linking Manhattan and New Jersey had been in the works. (AP)

federal government, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey had each pledged \$3 billion.

A month ago, the Republican governor ordered a 30-day halt to all work on the tunnel over concerns that the project would go over budget.

Officials said it would create 6,000 construction jobs, and add at least 40,000 jobs after it is completed.

So far, about \$600 million has been spent on the tunnel project. New Jersey could be on the hook to repay half of that to the federal government for breaking its commitment. ANGELA DELLI SANTI (AP)

Extra-Helpful Corn: Genetically engineered corn made to resist insects also helps out non-modified corn growing nearby, scientists say. Researchers writing in the journal Science call it the "halo effect." It turns out that since insects that attack the modified corn die, fewer then attack other corn plants. The researchers calculated that the altered corn has produced an economic benefit of \$6.9 billion during the past 14 years in five upper Midwest corn-producing states. (AP)

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In Brief



A woman carries a child through a refugee camp in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

UNITED NATIONS

1 Million Haitians Live In Squalor, Report Says

A Refugees International report says more than one million people are still living in 1,300 mostly unmanaged camps nine months after Haiti's devastating earthquake. (AP)

BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO

Top Military Commander To Plead Guilty in Murder

The lawyer for Col. Russell Williams, a military commander who flew dignitaries across Canada, said Thursday his client will plead guilty in the murder of two women, the sexual assault of two others and 82 break-ins. (AP)

JERUSALEM

Israelis, Palestinians Closer to Compromise

In the clearest sign that a deal may be emerging to keep the troubled U.S. Middle East peace push alive, a top Palestinian official said Thursday that his side would accept an American proposal for Israel to curtail settlement construction for two months. Israel indicated it, too, was edging toward a compromise. (AP)

Bombs Kill 8 at Pakistan Shrine

Angry mobs throng streets after twin explosions wound 65

Karachi, Pakistan

Two suspected suicide bombers attacked the most beloved Sufi shrine in Pakistan's largest city Thursday, killing at least eight people, wounding 65 others, and sending a stark reminder of the threat posed by Islamist militants to this U.S.-allied nation.

Angry mobs burned tires and torched buses in the aftermath of

the bombings in Karachi.

The attack came amid tensions between Washington and Islamabad over NATO helicopter incursions that have led Pakistan to close a key border crossing used to ferry supplies to Western troops in Afghanistan. Despite U.S. apologies over the incursions, one of which left two Pakistani soldiers dead, Islamabad said Thursday it had yet to decide when to reopen the crossing.

The explosions at the Abdulah Shah Ghazi shrine in Karachi happened on Thursday evening, the busiest time of the week

Meanwhile ...

German federal prosecutors confirmed Thursday that two Bonn-born brothers with dual German-Moroccan citizenship are under investigation on suspicion of membership in a terrorist organization. In a clip that appeared on a militant website earlier this summer, one brother says in fluent German: "Wir sind die Soldaten Allahs," which means — "We are the soldiers of Allah." Between 15 and 40 Germans are believed to be getting militant training in Islamabad, Pakistan. (AP)

for Sufi shrines across the country. Thousands typically visit the Ghazi shrine on Thursdays to pray, distribute food to the poor and toss rose petals on the grave of the saint. Pakistani Sufi sites have frequently been the target of Islamist militant groups.

The first explosion took place as the suspected bomber was going through the metal detector before a long staircase leading to the main shrine area, said Babar Khattak, the top police official in Sindh province. The second blast took place about 10 seconds later.

ASHRAF KHAN (AP)

BASE Jumpers Take on Malaysia



BASE JUMPERS ROBERT MORISSEY, right, and Anthony Hood leap from the top of the 421-meter-tall Kuala Lumpur Tower during the International Tower Jump in Kuala Lumpur Thursday. One hundred twenty-one professional BASE jumpers from 18 countries participate in the annual event. BASE jumpers use an initially packed parachute to jump from fixed objects.

Escape Tunnel Set to Reach Chilean Miners

San Jose Mine, Chile

Chile's mining minister announced that a shaft wide enough to provide an escape for 33 trapped miners should reach the men by Saturday — and that their rescue could begin anywhere from two to 10 days after that.

Once the drill breaks through to the miners' cavern about 2,000 feet underground, the time frame for the rescue will be determined by a technical evaluation of the risks involved, Minister Laurence Golborne said Thursday, meaning they could be pulled out as early as Monday or Tuesday.

MICHAEL WARREN (AP)

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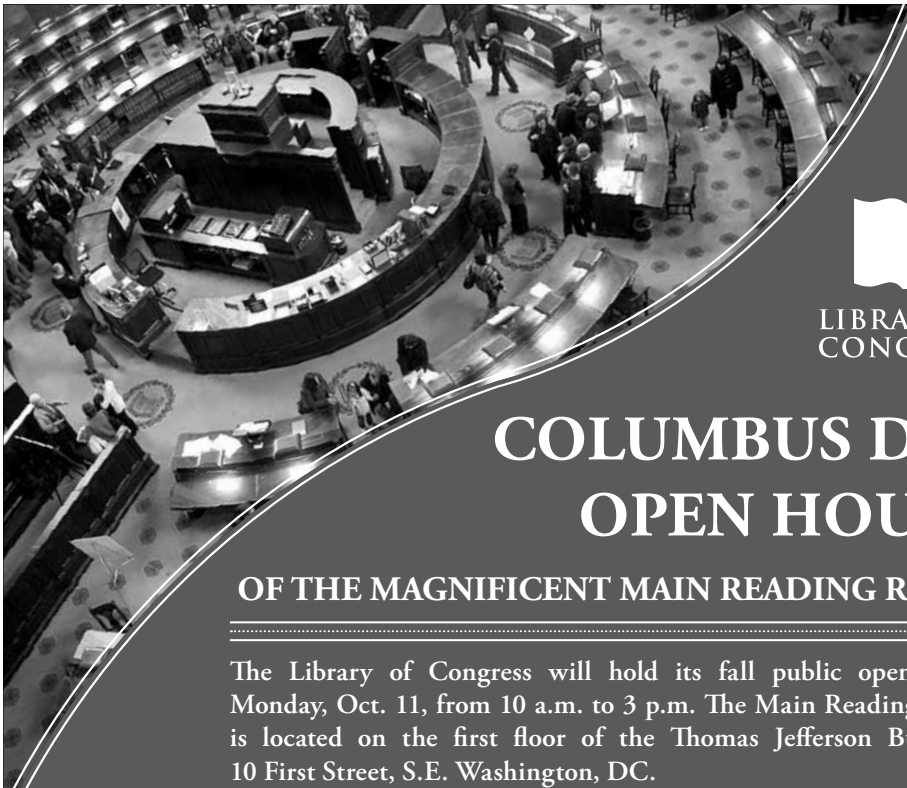
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Nobel laureate Mario Vargas Llosa attends a news conference Thursday in New York.

Nobel Prize in Lit Goes to Peruvian

Political activist Llosa is first S. American winner since 1982

Stockholm

Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa won the 2010 Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday as the academy honored one of the Spanish-speaking world's most acclaimed authors and an outspoken political activist who once ran for president in his tumultuous homeland.

Vargas Llosa, 74, has written more than 30 novels, plays and essays, including "Conversation in the Cathedral" and "The Green House." In 1995, he won the Cervantes Prize, the most distinguished literary honor in Spanish.

He is the first South American winner of the prestigious \$1.5 million Nobel literature prize since Colombian writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez won in 1982 and the first Spanish-language writer to win since Mexico's Octavio Paz in 1990.

"I am very grateful to the Swed-

Place Your Bets

Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo tops speculation for the Nobel Peace Prize — one betting site has already declared him the winner — though some experts predict a more low-key choice on Friday. Liu, who was sentenced last Christmas Day to 11 years in prison for subversion, has received by far the most attention in the annual guessing game for the \$1.5 million award. An Irish bookmaker said it received so many bets on Liu it decided on an early payout. (AP)

ish Academy. It is totally unexpected, a real surprise," Vargas Llosa told reporters in New York. "I think it is, for any writer, a great encouragement, a recognition of a world."

The Swedish Academy said it honored him for mapping the "structures of power and [for] his trenchant images of the individual's resistance, revolt and defeat." Its permanent secretary, Peter Englund, called him "a divinely gifted storyteller." (AP)

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The percentage of the English team's swimmers — about eight to 10 competitors — who were struck down with a stomach virus at the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi this week. Whether it was the water or just a case of "Delhi Belly," it was yet another problem to plague an event that has been seen a bevy of troubles. (AP)



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Sludge Reaches Danube

Officials fear the effects of contamination from this week's toxic spill in Hungary

Kolontar, Hungary

Red sludge flowed into the Danube River on Thursday, threatening a half-dozen nations along one of Europe's key waterways. Monitors took samples every few hours to measure damage from the toxic spill, and emergency officials declared one Hungarian tributary dead.

As cleanup crews gathered deer carcasses and other wildlife from the villages in southwestern Hungary flooded by the industrial waste, environmental groups warned of long-term damage to the farming region's topsoil.

Conflicting information swirled about the dangers posed by the ankle-deep muck coating the most seriously hit areas after the collapse of a waste-storage reservoir at a nearby alumina plant Monday.

The Hungarian Academy of Sciences maintained that while the material was a continued hazard, its heavy metal concentrations were not considered dangerous to the environment. "The academy can say whatever it wants," fumed Barbara Szalai Szita, who lives in Devecser, one of the hardest-hit villages. "All I know is that if I spend 30 minutes out-



The Hungarian town of Devecser is devastated by the toxic red sludge that escaped from an alumina factory earlier this week.

side, I get a foul taste in my mouth and my tongue feels strange."

Hungary's environment minister, Zoltan Illes, said the henna-colored sludge covering a 16-square-mile swathe of countryside does have "a high content of heavy metals," some of which can

cause cancer. He warned of possible environmental hazards, particularly if it were to enter the groundwater system.

With rain giving way to dry, warmer weather over the past two days, the caustic mud is increasingly turning to airborne dust, which can cause respiratory problems, Illes added. "If that would dry out then ...

wind can blow ... that heavy metal contamination through the respiratory system," he said.

Amid the conflicting reports, officials had one piece of encouraging news: The mighty Danube was apparently absorbing the slurry with little immediate harm beyond sporadic sightings of dead fish.

The red sludge, a waste product of aluminum production, reached

"I don't want to stay here. Ten years from now, there will be nothing left of this town."

— ETEL STAMPF, 76, WHO WAS IN HER BACKYARD IN KOLONTAR WHEN THE FIRST WAVES OF THE TOXIC FLOOD HIT.

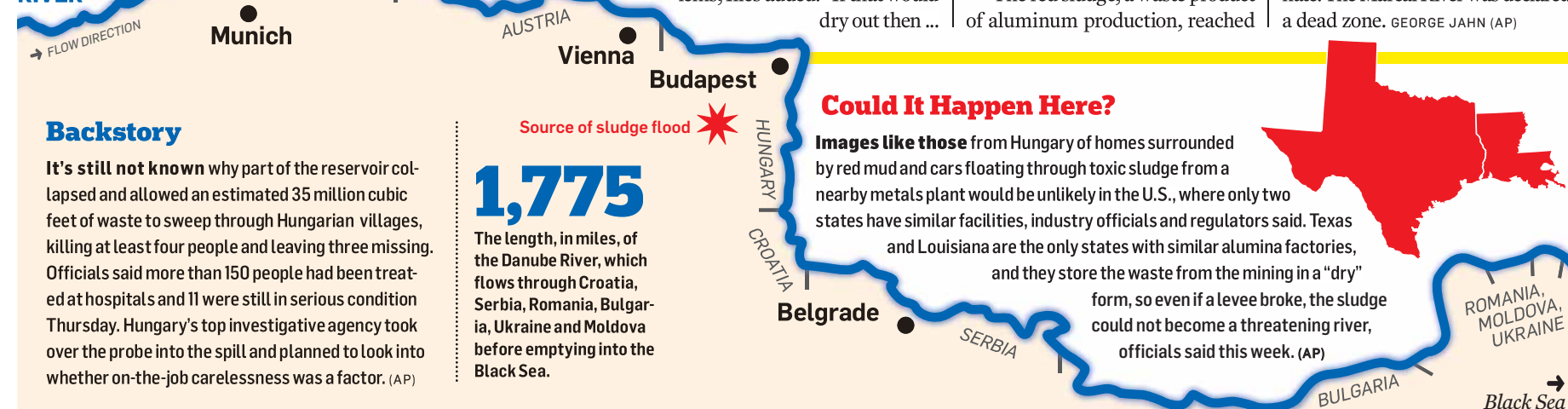
the western branch of the Danube early Thursday and was flowing into its broad main stretch by noon. By evening, it was moving southward toward Serbia and Romania.

At monitoring stations in Croatia, Serbia and Romania, officials were taking river samples every few hours, though experts hoped the river's huge water volume would blunt the impact of the spill.

Hungarian rescue agency spokesman Tibor Dobson said the pH content of the sludge entering the Danube had been reduced to the point where it was unlikely to cause further environmental damage. The waste, which had tested at a highly alkaline pH level of 13 soon after the spill — similar to lye or bleach — was under 10 by Thursday.

The tributaries from the area around the spill were not so fortunate. The Marcal River was declared a dead zone. GEORGE JAHN (AP)

DANUBE RIVER



Obama Rallies for O'Malley in Md.

Dems urge turnout at polls; dozens fall ill in hot conditions

Bowie, Md.

President Obama is praising Gov. Martin O'Malley for big investments in education during tough times.

Obama appeared with O'Malley at Bowie State University in hopes of giving him a boost in his rematch against Republican former governor Robert Ehrlich. Obama says Democrats need to be "just as fired up as you were in 2008" when he was elected.

O'Malley told supporters, "We need each and every one of you."

Maryland Attorney General



Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, left, stands with President Obama at Bowie State.

Doug Gansler urged the crowd to go to the polls. Gansler says if Maryland voters don't step up, the president could be surrounded by Republican governors, a reference to Virginia's Republican Gov.

Bob McDonnell to the south of the nation's capital.

Prince George's County Fire and EMS spokesman Mark Brady says EMS personnel treated about three dozen people Thursday afternoon and transported two of them to local hospitals. He says most people were suffering from exhaustion and dehydration, and the people taken to hospitals weren't in serious condition, but needed care they couldn't get at the rally.

He says ralliers were standing shoulder to shoulder in the sun, and most of the people experiencing problems were senior citizens. (AP)

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For many students at Bowie State, seeing the president in person at the rally was a big draw. | **postlocal.com**

Drought Watch Lifted for Region

Washington

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has lifted its regional drought watch that has been in effect since Sept. 9.

The council says recent rains have improved stream flow throughout the Potomac River basin. Cooler weather also has reduced water demand.

During drought watch periods, area governments ask residents and businesses to conserve water. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Oct. 7

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-7-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-5-7
Mid-day Pick 4	8-6-3-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	6-9-1-4
Match 5 (Wed.)	7-27-31-33-37 (17)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	3-9-27-28-30-39

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	6-2-0
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	1-0-6
Mid-day DC 4	7-8-3-9
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	3-7-9-9
Mid-day D.C. Five	1-2-9-2-6
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	7-7-7-2-4
Daily 6 (Wed.)	6-7-11-14-21-35 (31)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	13-26-33-34-38 (16)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	9-4-0
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-2-4
Mid-day Pick 4	7-7-2-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-9-6-3
Mid-day Cash 5	6-13-14-17-24
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-5-8-12-17
Win For Life (Wed.)	17-23-27-28-33-37 (5)

Multi-State Games

Powerball	14-26-37-41-46 (24)
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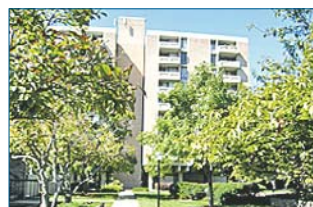
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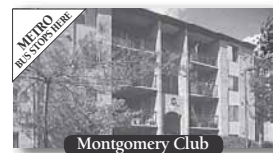
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TV Lineup



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Roy Halladay's no-hitter has put the Phillies ahead of the Reds in the NLDS.

Friday

6 P.M., 9:30 P.M. The Phillies can take a 2-0 lead over the Reds, and the Braves and Giants play in Game 2 of the NLDS. TBS
7:30 P.M. The Capitals take on the Atlanta Thrashers in their season opener. CSN

Saturday

NOON Virginia Tech looks for a fourth-straight win when hosting Central Michigan. ESPN
3:30 P.M. Virginia takes on Georgia Tech in an ACC football battle. ESPN
5 P.M., 8:30 P.M. Game 3 of the Rangers-Rays series and the Yankees-Twins set. TBS
7 P.M. The Caps play their home opener against the Devils. CSN
7:30 P.M. D.C. United is at home against San Jose. CSN+

Sunday

1 P.M. The Redskins take on Aaron Rodgers and the Packers. Fox
1 P.M., 4:30 P.M., 8 P.M. If necessary, the Rays and Rangers play Game 4 of their series, followed by the Giants-Braves and Yankees-Twins. TBS
3 P.M. The Chase for the Sprint Cup lands in Fontana, Calif., for the Pepsi Max 400. ESPN
4:15 P.M. The Dallas Cowboys host the Tennessee Titans. CBS
7 P.M. Game 3 of the Phillies-Reds series. TNT



Ryan Torain gained 70 yards in the Redskins' 17-12 win over the Eagles. With Clinton Portis out this week, Torain will start against the Packers.

RUNAWAY TORAIN

Newcomer takes over in Redskins' backfield with hopes of becoming Shanahan's next success story

The Redskins

Ryan Torain announced his presence in the Redskins' backfield last weekend by putting his shoulder through Eagles safety Quintin Mikell's chest on his way to rushing for a 12-yard touchdown.

The only surprise is that it took four weeks to get to this point.

Torain hasn't exactly been buzzed about up to this point — he was on Washington's practice squad to start off the season — but his emergence is typical of the Mike Shanahan system that has produced so many 1,000-yard rushers.

Shanahan's success has always had more to do with the cohesion between the runner and the offensive line than the name on the back of the tailback's jersey. Sure, Terrell Davis established hall-

of-fame-caliber numbers running the ball during the Broncos' Super Bowl-winning campaigns. And current Redskins tail-

back Clinton Portis posted a pair of 1,500-yard seasons under Shanahan before being traded from Denver to Washington in 2004. But guys such as Mike Anderson, Olandis Gary, Rueben Droughns and Tatum Bell have also gotten to 1,000 yards in the same system.

Torain's 70-yard day in the win at Philadelphia, along with Portis' groin injury that will force him to miss four to six weeks has established a new pecking order in the backfield for now. But the larger point for Redskins fans to take

note of is that after a slow start, their team is starting to show a little promise in the ground game.

"I feel like I fit real well with [Shanahan's scheme]," Torain said. "The zone [blocking] scheme I'm comfortable with."

"It's easy to see if you've been around him. Ryan has the ability to be a top back. We'll find out in time if he can do that."

— REDSKINS COACH MIKE SHANAHAN, WHO'S BEEN IMPRESSED BY RYAN TORAIN.

I've been running it since high school."

Torain was selected by Denver in the fifth round of the 2008 draft — Shanahan's last with the team. But he played in just two games for the Broncos before tearing his ACL. Out of football all of last season, Shanahan offered the 24-year-old a chance to revive his career in Washington. Torain gets his first crack at the starting job on Sunday against the Packers.

"I've got a lot of emotions going into this game," he said. "It's been a lot of hard work to get to this point in my life. There's been a lot of waiting, a lot of patience. Now I've just got to take advantage of the opportunity." ERIC BRANDNER

Fading Fast

The Redskins have faltered in the second half of each game, which may be related to starting the year with the NFL's oldest roster.

SCORING

60-27

The rate the Redskins have outscored opponents in the first half.

49-13

The rate they've been outscored in the second half of each game.

OFFENSE

10.08

The team's first-half yards-per-pass average — tops in the NFL.

6.29

The yards-per-pass average in the second half; all six sacks this season have been in the second half.

DEFENSE

955

The team's yards given up from scrimmage in the second half.

766

The team's receiving yards given up in the second half; both numbers top the league.

MCNABB

67.3

QB Donovan McNabb's completion percentage in the first half — with 524 yards, two TDs and no INTs.

50.7

McNabb's percentage in the second half — with 434 yards, one TD and two INTs. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Najar Gives United a Bright Spot

Teen's play sparks speculation about future at World Cup

Major League Soccer

It says a lot about D.C. United that its best player during this lost season is 17 years old. But it also says a lot about Andy Najar.

"Number one," coach Ben Olsen said when asked to rank Najar against high-profile teenagers United has fielded in the past. "He could step into a World Cup venue," Olsen said. "He just loves to play the game, and he plays it the proper way. ... It's wonderful to watch, and it's been a huge bright spot this year."

Najar's five MLS goals tie him for the top spot on United (6-18-3). Several, such as the one that left



JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Andy Najar is tied for the top spot on United with five goals scored this year in MLS play.

members of the Houston Dynamo sprawled on the RFK grass two weeks ago, have been spectacular. Moments like that prompt many to imagine Najar playing at a World Cup some day, and then to

ask whose uniform he'll be wearing. "That's one of the questions I get asked the most," he said.

Born in southern Honduras, Najar moved to Northern Virginia with his family four years ago. He

spent two years at Edison High and tried out successfully for United's youth program, where he excelled. The club signed him to a senior contract in March, and Najar now meets with a tutor as he pursues his diploma.

"When I got here to the U.S., I told myself that I wanted to be something in life," Najar said. Now that he's gotten there, everyone wants to know where he's headed next. Will he represent Honduras or the U.S.? "I tell them just to be patient and that I haven't made up my mind."

Najar is suspended for Saturday's game against San Jose (11-8-7) for yellow card accumulation, and D.C. likely will suffer without him. But he'll be a key cog in the club's rebuilding and perhaps the World Cup future of one lucky country. **BRIAN STRAUS**



Rays manager Joe Maddon, right, argues with home plate umpire Jim Wolf.

Maddon Run As Rangers Blank Rays

MLB Playoffs

Two dominating pitching performances and a long home run by playoff neophyte Michael Young have the Texas Rangers on the verge of winning a postseason series for the first time.

Young hit a three-run homer one pitch after keeping a fifth-inning at-bat alive with a disputed check-swing, helping C.J. Wilson and the AL West champions beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-0 Thurs-

day for a 2-0 lead in their AL division series.

Wilson was impressive, allowing two hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Young broke the game open with a 431-foot shot to center field off Chad Qualls, who thought he had struck out the six-time All-Star on a 2-2 pitch. Plate umpire Jim Wolf appealed to first base umpire Jerry Meals, who ruled that Young held up in time.

Rays players were incensed on the bench, and replays showed that Young probably went too far. After the home run on the next pitch for a 5-0 Rangers lead, Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon left the dugout to talk with Qualls and was ejected when he yelled at Meals from the mound. **(AP)**

College Kickoffs

FLORIDA ST. (23) AT MIAMI (13)

Story Line: Quarterbacks beware: The Seminoles and Hurricanes ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the country in sacks this season. It's the first time in four years that these one-time powerhouses will both be ranked in this annual contest. **(8 P.M., ABC)**

ALABAMA (1) AT S. CAROLINA (20)

Story Line: The Crimson Tide is hoping for a repeat performance of last year, when Heisman winner Mark Ingram tallied 246 yards on Steve Spurrie's bunch. This is the third-straight ranked foe for Alabama. **(3:30 P.M., CBS)**

MICH. STATE (17) AT MICHIGAN (18)

Story Line: Thanks to Denard Robinson, Michigan is relevant for the first time in years. But the in-state rival Spartans are the best team the Wolverines have met so far. **(3:30 P.M., ESPN)**

ALL GAMES PLAYED ON SATURDAY

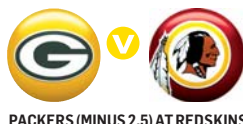
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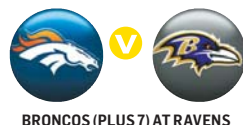
PACKERS (MINUS 2.5) AT REDSKINS

PACKERS

The Redskins seem good enough to only beat NFC East teams this year.

REDSKINS

They've learned to win close games; we'll see if they can figure it out in a shootout.



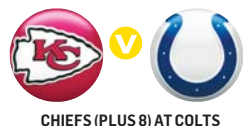
BRONCOS (PLUS 7) AT RAVENS

RAVENS

This should feel like a cakewalk after a brutal game against the Steelers.

RAVENS

Remember who beat the Broncos last year when they were undefeated?



CHIEFS (PLUS 8) AT COLTS

CHIEFS

Let's not forget that Kansas City is the undefeated team here.

COLTS

It's not like they're going to get caught looking ahead to the Redskins.



TITANS (PLUS 6.5) AT COWBOYS

COWBOYS

Dallas probably fixed some of its problems with its needed bye last week.

TITANS

The Cowboys' run defense is stout, and the Titans aren't great when CJ is off.



VIKINGS (PLUS 4) AT JETS

VIKINGS

Brett Favre hits Randy Moss on a Hail Mary to win the game. Why not?

JETS

I would pay good money for Jenn Sterger to be in the booth for this game.

PACKERS

Good news is, I'm pretty sure I'm 0-4 picking Redskins games this season.

RAVENS

I'd feel even better about this pick if the Broncos picked up Jeff Reed to kick this week.

COLTS

If the Chiefs go to 4-0 while Colts dip under .500, it's time to move to Montana.

TITANS

NFC East football: First one to eight wins gets the division title!

JETS

MNF script: Moss Revis, Moss, Favre, Moss, Braylon, Moss, Rex, Moss, Chilly.

REDSKINS

Too many people yell at me at work when I pick against them.

RAVENS

Top-ranked offense versus the top-ranked defense. Wow. I'll take the defense.

COLTS

The Chiefs have played better, but does Indy ever lose this type game?

COWBOYS

Turning to Vince Young to win them the football game — it's not going to happen.

VIKINGS

Favre to Moss? Please don't mind if I gush too much over this new dynamic duo.

Season Tally: Matt Swenson: 9-11; Clinton Yates: 10-10; Dan Steinberg: 3-7, John Doman: 8-10; Arnie Applebaum: 3-7, Big Tigger: 4-6

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Capital Gains Project

After last season's bitter finish, Ovechkin and co. look to take the next step


The Capitals

Alexander Ovechkin doesn't care to think about last season's disappointing playoff exit. He doesn't want to brood over the Game 7 loss to Montreal in the first round of the playoffs or how a season full of team milestones failed to produce the ultimate goal — the Stanley Cup.

Instead, the Capitals captain just wants to focus on the season opener in Atlanta Oct. 8.



7:30 P.M.
Friday | CSN



But not every team member has turned the page on last year's season, which ended after the Capitals failed to close out a 3-1 series lead against the Montreal Canadiens.

"Even if you wanted to forget about it, I don't think you could," defenseman Tom Poti said. "It's something that's going to stay in the back of our minds for a long time."

On the stat sheet, there's no reason the Capitals should want to forget the 2009-10 season. Despite the major shortcoming, it was a historic year for the team.

The team posted the best record in club history and clinched the club's first-ever Presidents' Trophy, awarded for the NHL's best team in the regular season.

Other milestones included a team-record 14-game winning streak; the league's top offense and power play; a team-high for wins (51); a third-consecutive Southeast Division title; and a 121-point season.

The barometer for success, though, comes in the playoffs, not the regular season.

In the Eastern Conference quarterfinals, the Caps fell victim to the hot hands of Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak and were forced to sit through a longer-than-expected summer.

"We were the best team in the league up until the playoffs," Poti said.

With the loss fresh in their minds, the players responded by bringing an increased vigor to this year's training camp.

"Practices are a little more intense out



Nicklas Backstrom and Alex Ovechkin had plenty to celebrate last season — until the playoffs began.

"I don't think about last year at all. It's done, and I'd just like to move forward. ... Why do I have to look back if it's happened?"

— ALEX OVECHKIN, WHO SUFFERED EARLY EXITS IN THE NHL PLAYOFFS AND THE OLYMPICS LAST YEAR.

there," winger Jason Chimera said. "But that's a good sign, though, when guys are pretty intense and want it. [The playoff loss] kind of left a bad taste in our mouth last year, and some guys still have that taste in their mouth."

One aspect of the team that remains unchanged is the core of the roster.

With a solid lineup of homegrown first-round picks and prospects, the Caps opted to promote players from within to fill holes, rather than sign free agents.

"You'd rather go with the people you know, and the people we know got 121 points last year," General Manager George McPhee said. "We had a goalie get hot in the last three games of the playoffs last year, but that doesn't mean we should rip this team apart."

As the Caps embark on the 2010-11 campaign, Ovechkin held off on offering any predictions for his team this season. Instead, he'll let his team's play do the talking.

"Let's just get started and see what happens," he said. **REED S. ALBERS**

PRESIDENTIAL BOUNCE BACK

Since the creation of the Presidents' Trophy in 1985, only seven of the 23 teams to win the trophy claimed the Stanley Cup in the same year. Last year, the Capitals won the trophy and joined a long list of Presidents' Trophy winners who found themselves exiting the playoffs early. Here's how the three most recent Presidents' Trophy winners have fared the season after winning the title.



DETROIT RED WINGS
2005-06: The Red Wings won the Presidents' Trophy but lost in the conference quarterfinal to the Edmonton Oilers. The year after, the Red Wings went 50-19-13 and finished first in the Central Division but lost in the Western Conference finals.
2007-08: The Red Wings re-claimed the trophy and defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins for the Stanley Cup. In 2008-09, the Wings went 51-21-10 but lost a Stanley Cup finals rematch to the Pens.



BUFFALO SABRES
2006-07: The Sabres won the Presidents' Trophy but lost in the Eastern Conference finals to the Ottawa Senators. The next year, the Sabres went 39-31-12 for fourth in the Northeast Division and failed to qualify for the playoffs.



SAN JOSE SHARKS
2008-09: San Jose claimed the Presidents' Trophy but lost in the first round to Anaheim. After the letdown, the Sharks went 51-20-11 and made the Western Conference finals but were swept by the Chicago Blackhawks.

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MICHAL NEUVIRTH

After becoming the first goaltender to win back-to-back Calder Cup Championships since the late 1970s, the technically sound Czech wants more than a backup role in the NHL. He'll get his shot with Semyon Varlamov starting on injured reserve.



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ALEX OVECHKIN

How the fiery superstar responds to arguably the most disappointing year of his career — early exits in both the Stanley Cup playoffs and Olympics — will go a long way in determining the Capitals' success.

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NICKLAS BACKSTROM

Firmly entrenched as the franchise center after signing a 10-year, \$67 million contract extension, the sublime passer has established himself as an elite pivot. Averaged 1.05 points per game through his first three seasons.

ALEXANDER SEMIN

28

His dynamic talent and wicked wrist shot were on display as he racked up career highs in points and goals last year, but had a forgettable postseason. Slated to earn \$6 million in the final year of his contract.

→ Forwards*

2009-2010 SEASON STATS

LINE 1	NO	POS	HT	WT	YRS	GLS	AST	PNTS
A. Ovechkin	8	LW	6-2	233	5	50	59	109
N. Backstrom	19	C	6-1	210	3	33	68	101
M. Knuble	22	RW	6-3	227	13	29	24	53

LINE 2	NO	POS	HT	WT	YRS	GLS	AST	PNTS
B. Laich	21	LW	6-2	200	6	25	34	59
T. Fleischmann	14	C	6-1	195	5	23	28	51
A. Semin	28	RW	6-2	209	5	40	44	84

LINE 3	NO	POS	HT	WT	YRS	GLS	AST	PNTS
J. Chimera	25	LW	6-3	210	9	15	19	34
M. Johansson	90	C	6-0	197	0	10	10	20
E. Fehr	16	RW	6-4	218	5	21	18	39

→ Defensive Pairings*

LINE 1	NO	POS	HT	WT	YRS	GLS	ATS	PNTS
J. Schultz	55	D	6-6	232	4	3	20	23
M. Green	52	D	6-1	205	5	19	57	76

LINE 2	NO	POS	HT	WT	YRS	GLS	ATS	PNTS
T. Poti	3	D	6-3	197	11	4	20	24
J. Carlson	74	D	6-3	211	1	1	5	6

LINE 3	NO	POS	HT	WT	YRS	GLS	ATS	PNTS
K. Alzner	27	D	6-3	215	2	0	5	5
J. Erskine	4	D	6-4	224	8	1	5	6

* PROJECTED LINEUP

MIKE KNUBLE

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The personable veteran shows no signs of slowing down as he continues to thrive in front of the net. Comfortable entering his sophomore season with Washington and final year of his contract, the oldest Capital provides stabilizing perspective.



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Other Players

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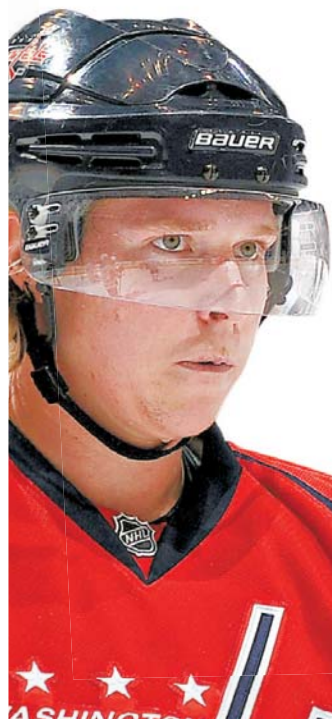
	NO	POS	G	AST	PTS
B. Gordon	15	RW	4	6	10
D. Steckel	39	C	5	11	16
M. Bradley	10	LW	10	14	24
D.J. King	17	LW	0	0	0
M. Hendricks	26	C	9	7	16

DEFENDERS

	NO	POS	G	AST	PTS
T. Sloan	89	D	2	4	6

GOALIES

	NO	POS	GAA	REC	SV.%
S. Varlamov	1	G	2.55	15-4-6	.909
M. Neuvirth	30	G	2.75	9-4-0	.914



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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington Capitals

After a stunning collapse in the playoffs, most of the team that raced to the Presidents' Trophy returns with only one goal: the Stanley Cup. The success of young players in net and on defense will determine whether the Capitals get the chance.

Pittsburgh Penguins

The team known for its trio of stalwart centers (Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, Jordan Staal) bulked up on defense during the offseason. Snagging free agents Paul Martin and Zbynek Michalek adds support in front of goalie Marc-Andre Fleury.

Boston Bruins

Marc Savard has been out with post-concussion syndrome, but Nathan Horton and rookie Tyler Seguin should kick-start an offense that averaged a league-low 2.39 goals per game. Any jolt should yield good results when paired with Tuukka Rask in net.

New Jersey Devils

The re-signing of sniper Ilya Kovalchuk only added to pre-existing depth at forward, while newcomers Anton Volchenkov and Henrik Tallinder should keep the defensive standard high. They'll be contenders.

Philadelphia Flyers

GM Paul Holmgren left the gritty team that engineered an improbable run to the Stanley Cup finals largely intact. Nikolay Zherdev and Andrej Meszaros are the only major additions. As is routine for the Flyers, questions remain in net.

Anyone's Game

As the Flyers proved last spring, even the most unlikely of contenders can reach the Stanley Cup finals if they hit their stride at the right time in the salary cap era. A single shootout goal gave Philadelphia a 2-1 win over the New York Rangers on the final day of the regular season, pushing the Flyers into the playoffs. While there may be clear-cut favorites in each conference and division, the distribution of talent across the NHL has evened out considerably in recent seasons, making it difficult to rule many teams out of the playoff conversation. Here's a look at the story lines sure to shape the 2010-2011 season.



A Tougher East

Across the Eastern Conference, teams added more snarl and enforcement to their lineups. The Rangers signed Derek Boogaard, Philadelphia added Jody Shelley, and Washington brought in a legitimate heavyweight presence with D.J. King, above. There also are several tough guys already entrenched, including Colton Orr (Toronto), Eric Godard (Pittsburgh) and Eric Boulton (Atlanta). Will any of these changes significantly alter a team's trajectory? Probably not, but they could affect the makeup of numerous contests.



The Kovalchuk Saga

The trials and tribulations of Ilya Kovalchuk's attempt to sign a long-term contract with the New Jersey Devils held most of the hockey world captive this offseason. After rejecting the initial offer on grounds that it was created to circumvent the salary cap, the NHL approved a second version that will pay the Russian forward \$100 million over 15 years. But the drama led to new rules on the structure and salary cap weight of future long-term (five years or more) contracts. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Winter Classic

The Capitals get their turn in the marquee event when they take on the Penguins in the NHL's fourth annual Winter Classic at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh on New Year's Day. As if the league-wide spotlight on Alex Ovechkin, Sidney Crosby and the teams' rivalry isn't bright enough, attention on the star-studded franchises will be magnified on HBO in the months leading up to the contest.

In each previous Winter Classic, the road team has gone on to reach — and ultimately lose in — the Stanley Cup finals.

Lightning Rising

No team underwent as significant or complete a makeover this summer as Tampa Bay.

First the Lightning switched owners for the second time in three years to Jeff Vinik, who in turn brought in Hall of Famer Steve Yzerman as general manager, and change rippled through the organization.

There is genuine enthusiasm around a Lightning squad that finally seems stable and boasts a formidable top-six forward group highlighted by rising star Steven Stamkos, pictured, and franchise figures Vincent Lecavalier and Martin St. Louis. Will the dramatic new look bear playoff fruit?



5 to Watch

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver Canucks

GM Mike Gillis shored up the primary concern of defensive depth with the addition of Keith Ballard and Dan Hamhuis. The bulk of expectations still rest on usual workhorses Roberto Luongo and Art Ross, and Hart Trophy winner Henrik Sedin.

San Jose Sharks

A fourth-straight season of netting at least 107 points but failing to reach the finals brought change. After not re-signing Evgeni Nabokov, the perennial contenders turn to a young goaltending tandem in Antero Niittymaki and Antti Niemi.

Detroit Red Wings

Expect the NHL's oldest team to bounce back after a comparatively lackluster season. Calder Cup finalist Jimmy Howard returns as starter in goal, while 70-point seasons by Henrik Zetterberg and Pavel Datsyuk are presumed aberrations.

Chicago Blackhawks

Despite the departure of 10 players, the Stanley Cup winners shouldn't drop too much. GM Stan Bowman kept most of the core intact, including franchise pillars Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane and Duncan Keith.

Los Angeles Kings

After the best season in nearly two decades, the Kings' budding superstars look poised to take the next step. Anze Kopitar, Norris Trophy finalist Drew Doughty and Jack Johnson continue to progress, while a heated goaltending battle is on tap.



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GROWTH TREND

Terrariums sprout up in hip homes, and it's easy even for black thumbs to plot one 30

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Vanilla Ice

RAPPER, VEGETARIAN, DIY-ER

He dated Madonna, trashed an MTV set on live television and wrote a song that's superglued in your brain. Twenty years after "Ice Ice Baby," Vanilla Ice (aka Rob Van Winkle) returns to pop culture as, um, a home builder. In his new DIY Network show, "The Vanilla Ice Project" (Thu., 9 p.m.), the rapper and his contractors renovate a Palm Beach, Fla., pad.

How long have you been renovating homes?

When I did "Ice Ice Baby," I was only 16. I bought homes like a rock star who didn't know what he's doing. I never used them. I'd come back to L.A., New York or Salt Lake City, where I had homes, and they'd collect cobwebs. I sold them when the market was good and turned a real good profit. I'm, like, "Are you

kidding me? It can't be that easy to make money."

But isn't making a profit in real estate tougher now?

Now you can buy a foreclosed property cheaper than you can build one. That's how I've evolved into flipping cribs, instead of building them. Just go buy a home, even if it's distressed. The one on the show had nothing in it, literally no kitchen sink or air-conditioning. Everything was missing, even walls.

How involved do you get in these projects?

I'm hands-on. I know basic plumbing skills and a lot of carpentry. Some people may look at it like, "This is a pain. I'd rather be sitting on a beach drinking a pina colada." I still drink the pina cola-

da, but I do on the side. It's a fun thing. I sit back and take pride and go, "Wow, I turned that from zero to hero."

A recent YouTube video shows you driving a car into a lake. The car sinks, and you go underwater for a sec. What happened?

That was the finale for the show. The car didn't sink right away.

"I'm hands-on. I know plumbing and carpentry. It's a fun thing. I sit back and take pride."

I'm sitting there thinking, "No big deal; I'm almost out." My leg got wedged between the steering wheel and the seat, and the car dragged me down. I didn't panic. I turned my knee out and came up. It took a good minute, and people were panicking, but I didn't end up with a scratch. [Youtube.com/watch?v=1p0m9N1y0OU]

Aside from being an adrenaline junkie, you're also a vegetarian.

Yep, for three and half years. I had high cholesterol. You know how some people can have a bunch of cheeseburgers and get high cholesterol? Mine was hereditary. I tried being vegetarian for three months, and it brought my cholesterol from over 300 to 133 without drugs.

What was the toughest thing about ditching burgers?

You've got to find stuff to eat. And you don't lose weight — you gain it because you're pulling more pizza, trying not to eat meat. But, boy, there's a lot of good food out there, like curries and sauces. It opened up a whole new menu to me. I love it. **KRIS CORONADO**

Event Horizon | Designer Rebecca Moses

The free-spirited clothing and home designer (look for her wares at Neiman Marcus and Macy's) will talk about how to dress and decorate well, and will sign copies of her whimsical new book, "A Life of Style" on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Tickets \$15. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700; Corcoran.org.



Statement in the Basement

"YEAH, I STILL HAVE a 23-inch CRT set, five remote controls and no DVR. But my throw pillow requires 3-D glasses. You can look at the 2-D version, if you like. It's made of a fine hemp-cotton blend. Both are designed by Heather Lins and are available for \$90 each at Uncommongoods.com. Oh, still can't read the last line? That's probably because 43-inch flat screens make you go blind."



3 Ball Wonder

THE LINGERIE ecosystem hangs in delicate balance. A bra's health, for instance, is easily disrupted by harsh detergent or machine-drying. Underwires, push-ups and other fragile breeds can live in happy symbiosis with the Berry Ball (\$14, Berryper-ry.com). Open the plastic contraption and put the bra inside, one cup per half-sphere. Throw the prickly plastic ball into the machine and wash with the rest of your laundry. Amazingly, nothing is destroyed, and the bra is scrubbed clean! Air-dry.

Kick Feat

BOOT SEASON just stomped in. But wearing the same Hunter wellies or J. Crew shooties as every other girl at Miss Whiskey's won't earn you originality points. Yes, L.D. Tuttle's Mad Max-gone-mod styles (shown, \$675; others \$795), just in at Muleh (1831 14th St. NW; 202-667-3440) cost more than a round for the whole bar. But such slouchy shapes and hip leathers might inspire you to go on the premium vodka wagon till spring.



Beauty Mean

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AT THE MALL, I'm not like Belle or Ariel at all. I terrorize cats, I cast dark spells, my prince charming rocks out to Sleigh Bells. Is there a shadow for my eyes that makes me prettier than all I despise? What's that, Mall Mirror? What's that you say? Get thee new make-up right away? Look for Venomous Villains Beauty Powder (\$25) and the Lipglass (\$16) we adore. All sold at Georgetown's MAC store. (3067 M St NW; 202-944-9771).

Grab Bag

1 Livin' on Repair

CLOSET CLEANERS SHOULD think before tossing a 1983 "Flashdance" tee. The life cycle of parachute pants used to begin on Brat Pack wannabes and end at Goodwill. But at Ginger Root (1530 U St. NW; 202-567-7668), Revamp Designs' Kristen Swenson and Erin Derge rescue and reconstruct vintage castaways to create cool upgrades. Old-gone-new pieces include embellished Molly Ringwald-ish dresses (shown, \$82) and skinny ties carved from old Boy Scout bandanas.



Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I'm going to my 25th college reunion. There's a homecoming parade in the morning and the big game in the afternoon. Can you recommend some stylish ankle boots? — MELISSA

Manolo says, it is that time of the year, when peoples of the certain age, who have been expensively coiffed, recently Botoxed and dermabraded, return to the scene of the crime, to weep with others of their vintage over the ashes of their youth. Think! It was only last millennium when you were the coed at Alma Mater U., majoring



in boys and beer pong, belle of Tappa Kega Bru's Fall Intoxication Festival.

How could you forget Professor Whatshisname, that old guy with the beard dandruff who was always on your case? You learned much in that class, whatever it was. There is your college boyfriend, Kip! He looks so old and bald, a caricature of the vigorous future accountant he once was. Is he standing with that foreign boy who had the crush on you, Chang-Ho-Something-or-Other? You took pleasure in mocking him. Now he is the fifth-richest man in Hong Kong. Sigh.

Here is the sporty ankle bootie, Paul Smith (\$367, Zapp.me/7686744), that works well with the jeans or the skirt and tights.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

On the Cover

Marlene Hu Aldaba tends to her terrarium collection at her Georgetown clothing boutique, Hu's Wear (2906 M St. NW; 202-342-2020). Photo by Marge Ely/Express.

microclimates

MAKE YOUR MINI-GARDEN GROW WITH A HARD-TO-KILL TERRARIUM

The craze for all things Victorian is hitting home(s), and we don't just mean U Street hipsters dandying up their pads with tweed sofas and taxidermy. Rather, old-timey terrariums — i.e. shrunk gardens encased in glass — brush off their mad scientist rep to spring up everywhere from Brooklyn lofts to Georgetown boutiques.

Case in point: At Hu's Wear on M Street, the newest eye candy isn't for sale but, rather, a crop of terrariums — the bounty of owner Marlene Hu Aldaba's new self-professed "nerd hobby." Making mini-landscapes grew out of a messy problem at home. "I love succulents, but with two cats and a dog at home, I needed a way to protect my plants from being destroyed," she says.

Even though hipsters have taken to the low-maintenance pursuit, it's certainly nothing new. Terrariums date to 1827, when British physician Nathaniel Ward discovered tiny plants had sprouted in covered jars he was using to grow cocoons. (That's why large, enclosed cases for growing or transporting plants are called "Wardian" cases.) Nowadays, vessels skew from lidded aquariums (à la your third-grade classroom) to bell-shaped cloches, and vintage apothecary jars to fishbowl vases and cheese domes. For containers, hit thrift stores or Shopterrarium.com and Velocityartanddesign.com.

With the occasional spritz of water from a watchful gardener, mature terrariums function as self-contained ecosystems that organically self-sustain with recycled water — evaporating to condense on the glass walls and roof, then falling to nourish the plants and soil when needed. (Rinse, repeat.)

Many urbanites revive the craft to fulfill a yen for botany, whether their thumb shades are green or black. "When you have a container filled with five or eight plants, it feels more like a garden than a potted plant does," says Kacy Paide, 30, of Silver Spring, who started making terrariums several years ago after she spotted an example in a magazine. "Terrariums are my creative outlet. I live in a condo without outdoor space. This is how I garden." **KATIE KNOROVSKY**

1

Pour a 1-inch (or so) layer of rocks, pebbles or gravel in your vessel. We used lava rocks (\$4.95).



2

Sprinkle with finely ground charcoal (\$7.95).



3

Cover with potting soil.



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Create a terrarium by following these simple steps.



Gardening supplies, Garden District, 1740 14th St. NW; 202-797-9005. Cake stand and dome, \$50, Bed Bath Beyond.

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4

Arrange plants (plus, if you wish, objects), filling in surrounding areas with more soil or moss. (Plants \$1.95-\$2.95 each; bag of moss, \$4.95.)

5

Mist with water and cover.



fishbowl effect

Gardener: Robin Sutliff, owner of Ultra Violet Flowers (1218 31st St. NW; 202-333-3002). **Terrarium:** In a huge bubble vase, a tropical wonderland — moss, succulents and cut orchids. **Cost:** \$200-\$500; smaller designs start at \$50.

Expert tip: "The longevity really depends on what's inside and how 'swampy' it becomes, but freshening water and trimming tired petals would surely help."



tall, cool one

Gardener: Kacy Paide (Theinspiredoffice.com). Find her how-to-plot video at Monkeysee.com/kpaide.

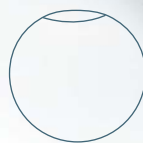
Terrarium: Just what the doctor ordered: a secret garden of moisture-loving vegetation in an elevated apothecary jar. **Cost:** \$30-\$200. **Expert tip:** "The bigger the better: Plants don't thrive or live as long the less soil you work with."



mini splendor

Gardener: James O'Keeffe, at Garden District (1740 14th St. NW, 202-797-9005).

Terrarium: A (tiny) tree grows in a Brooklyn-inspired mini-garden contained in a recycled jar. **Cost:** \$9.



branching out

Gardener: Michael Lanni, owner of Volanni (218 9th St. SE; 202-547-1603). **Terrarium:** Going out on a limb has never been more chic. Branch tentacles beckon from within a sanctuary for succulents. **Cost:** \$475-\$550; smaller terrariums start at \$100. **Expert tip:** "Use heartier and durable plants — succulents, mosses, tropical plants, small ferns — to create small, bonsai-style gardens," says Lanni.



The Reelist



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A New Dimension

When I heard that George Lucas is planning on re-releasing the “Star Wars” trilogy in 3-D, I thought it was actually maybe not a horrible idea.

Hear me out: My husband is 17 years older than I am. This means that not only do our iTunes libraries occupy different historical eras, but our adolescent moviegoing experiences were very different. He remembers a gasp in the theater when viewers found out Darth Vader was Luke’s father. Not only did I already know that, but I saw “The Empire Strikes Back” on VHS, because the only “Star Wars” I saw in the theater was “Return of the Jedi.” While 6-year-old girls may not care for heroes’ quests, they do like Ewoks.

Here’s my thinking with the 3-D thing: By the time many people my age realized the movies were good, we had forgotten that they were also technologically cool. I had seen plenty of awesome special effects by the time I saw the first battle in “Star Wars.” But to hear my husband talk about it, that scene ranks up there with fire and thong underwear in terms of man’s great achievements.

So I’ll pony up the \$14 or whatever it’ll cost to see TIE fighters coming right at me and hope that my jaw will hit the floor. Yes, I’ve been burned by Lucas before — he still owes me \$9 for “The Phantom Menace.” But when it comes to movie tech, few are better. So I’ll be there, ready to go back to a galaxy far, far away.



By Kristen Page-Kirby

A Winning Narrative

‘Secretariat’ hits its stride with the true tale of a legendary Triple Crown champ

Film Review

It’s tough to guess who will enjoy “Secretariat” more — filmgoers who remember the extraordinary events of 1973, when the chestnut 3-year-old won the first Triple Crown in 25 years, or those for whom the story is brand-new. With this stirring, thoroughly entertaining movie, director Randall Wallace (who wrote “Braveheart”) has achieved the next to impossible, injecting genuine suspense into a narrative we all know the ending to.

Wallace’s secret is that he makes “Secretariat” about characters, not races, and he has found irresistible protagonists in both his

equine and human subjects. Coming from behind with a heart as big as a house is Secretariat, known to his owners and intimates as Big Red, who at first is so slow “he couldn’t beat a fat man encased in cement being dragged backwards by a freight train,” according to his trainer (John Malkovich). But his owner believes in him: Penny Chenery Tweedy, a Denver homemaker who inherits her father’s Virginia horse farm and battles

Secretariat (PG)

- **Director:** Randall Wallace
- **Stars:** Diane Lane, John Malkovich, Scott Glenn, James Cromwell
- **In a Nutshell:** Based on the true story of 1973 Triple Crown winner Secretariat, Randall Wallace’s movie focuses on the trainer who believes in the underdog horse.
- **For Fans Of:** “Seabiscuit,” “The Black Stallion,” “Flicka”

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The approximate number of times a video of Secretariat’s last-to-first-place run in the 1973 Preakness Stakes has been viewed on YouTube, as of Thursday.

2:24

The time, in minutes, in which Secretariat covered the 1.5-mile Belmont Stakes race, a world record set at an average speed of 37.5 mph.

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The number of horse lengths by which Secretariat won the 105th Belmont Stakes in 1973. (EXPRESS)

the sexist forces of her own family and the horse racing establishment to champion Big Red and change the face of the sport forever.

One of the best things “Secretariat” has going for it is that Tweedy is played by Diane Lane, who brings her ineffable blend of radiance, toughness and demure reserve to a woman who knows how to wear just the bright brooch when upending the patriarchy.

Juxtaposing Tweedy’s you-must-pay-the-rent travails and her conservative husband’s complaints with Big Red’s journey to becoming a superstar, Wallace turns “Secretariat” into a parable of faith and quiet, assured feminism. If some of the back-home scenes are awkwardly staged and the plot contoured for Hollywood efficiency, the story itself is too infectious to resist.

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JOHN BRAMLEY/DISNEY

Plucky, demure Diane Lane, right, guides Secretariat to his record-shattering performances on the race track. Five horses play the role of the famous four-legged star.

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Kind of Not Humorous

Set in a psych ward, 'Funny Story' suffers from an identity crisis

Film Review

There's very little that's even kind of funny in "It's Kind of a Funny Story," which can't accurately be described as a comedy but isn't a true drama, either.

Keir Gilchrist stars as a Brooklyn high school student named Craig, who, pronouncing himself overwhelmed by "grades, girls, two wars, impending environmental catastrophe and an imploding economy," commits himself to psychiatric care at a hospital. The youth ward is full, so Craig spends five days in the adult ward, where he learns lessons about life and growing up from its motley clientele.

If you're thinking "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest of a Boy,



Zach Galifianakis, right, brings more gravitas than guffaws to "Funny Story."

Interrupted," you're keying into one of the major problems with "It's Kind of a Funny Story," which is that so many elements, from its setup to scenes of therapy sessions and hallway high jinks seem as canned as the blandest Muzak.

Gilchrist delivers an unobjectionable but undistinguished

It's Kind of a Funny Story (PG-13)

► **Directors:** Ryan Fleck, Anna Boden

► **Stars:** Keir Gilchrist, Emma Roberts, Jim Gaffigan, Zach Galifianakis

► **In a Nutshell:** An overwhelmed Brooklyn teen spends five days in an adult psychiatric ward at a hospital.

performance as a teenager whose journey ultimately feels frivolously low-stakes. And Emma Roberts has been woefully miscast as a patient named Noelle, who needs more ballast than Roberts' decidedly non-edgy persona.

The most memorable performance in "It's Kind of a Funny Story" belongs to Zach Galifianakis. He manages to bring emotional gravitas to a character who, unlike Craig, stands to lose everything when his hitch at the hospital is up.

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► **Nightlife Agenda**

BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

► **FRIDAY**

A few months ago, we told you about **DJ STEREO FAITH**, a local party-rocker who was found to have a dangerous tumor growing in his auditory canal. Well, he underwent surgery and — fingers crossed — everything seems to be going well. He's guesting at a special Friday edition of **MOUSETRAP** at the Black Cat (9:30 p.m., \$10; 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-4490), joining DJ Mark Zimin for a night of Britpop, indie rock and post-punk classics.

► **SUNDAY**

Elegance on the Harbor at National Harbor is a Columbus Day tribute to two local doo-wop acts. **THE MEMORIES**, formed in 1957, still feature two of the vocalists who performed on the 1961 hit "Love Bells." **POOKIE HUDSON'S SPANIELS** honor the memory of Hudson, author of the standard "Good-night, Sweetheart, Goodnight" and a longtime Washington resident, who died in 2007. The concert, held at the dueling



We Were Promised Jetpacks promises to pack the house at the Rock & Roll Hotel.

piano bar Bobby McKey's (6 p.m., \$30; 172 Fleet St., Oxon Hill, Md.; 301-567-1488), also features dancing to classic tunes spun by **DJ WATTS**.

It's easy to picture very big things in the very near future for **WE WERE PROMISED JETPACKS**. The Scottish quartet can check off pretty much every box on the Next Big Thing application. An arena-ready sound? Got it. A baby-

faceted lead singer who is ready for both literal and figurative close-ups? Check. A core group of devoted fans who determinedly sing along with those big choruses? If the band's sold-out show at the Rock & Roll Hotel back in February was any indication, that core group is ever-expanding. They're making a return appearance, supported by Bronze (8 p.m., \$15; 1353 H St. NE).

"A comic roundelay of amorous ambitions and delusions. It's terribly touching, as well as entertaining. Allen treats the pervasive folly with bemused affection, as if to say it's a cosmic joke on a domestic scale."
—Joe Morgenstern, WALL STREET JOURNAL

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moments, "Buried" lets viewers know they're in for something different—and disturbing. With the screen in complete darkness, we initially hear only bumping, then a man panting and groaning. Finally, the flick of a lighter: It's Paul Conroy (Ryan Reynolds), an American contractor in Iraq who has been kidnapped, buried and held for ransom, with air for only 90 minutes. With the screen often blanking out into unsettling black and the sound of sifting sand and other unwelcome intrusions ramping up the anxiety level, "Buried" delivers the kind of immediate experience too often missing in movies. **A.H.**

CATFISH (PG, 86 minutes) An often jarringly intimate film about a young man's odyssey through virtual life and love on

that piece of gossip blankets the school, guys are suddenly bombarding Olive with attention. But when she agrees to help a bullied gay friend by pretending to sleep with him, she learns that there's a thin line between sexy and slutty.

STEPHANIE MERRY

THE EXPENDABLES (R, 103 minutes) This action thriller written and directed by Sylvester Stallone is designed to leave

filmgoers feeling pummeled into submission. Just when the film threatens to sink under its own weight, Terry Crews blows a guy's brains out, silhouetted through a backlit doorway, and the entire groaning enterprise levitates on a ludicrous plume of pure camp. Stallone plays Barney Ross, leader of the titular gang of mercenaries with names like Lee Christmas (Jason Statham) and Gunnar

Jensen (Dolph Lundgren); Crews himself plays Hale Caesar. Hired by a man named Mr. Church to unseat a despot in South America, Ross and the boys lay waste to everything they see. **A.H.**

FREAKONOMICS (PG-13, 93 minutes) Why does the new documentary based on Steven D. Levitt's and Stephen J. Dubner's 2005 best-seller "Freakonomics" feel so familiar, even to those who haven't

read it? Maybe it's because of all those cocktail-party conversations the book inspired. At this point, who in Washington doesn't feel like they've read it? The omnibus documentary is a compendium of four "chapters," each based on a section of the book, and directed by a different hotshot documentarian, including Morgan Spurlock ("Super Size Me"),

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GILES KEYTE

Violante Placido, left, proves to be a distraction for a stoic George Clooney.

the Internet, this documentary morphs into a mystery in which technology plays a crucial role. The whole story is captured with a digital video camera, constantly filming main character Nev Schulman. In 2007, when one of Schulman's photographs was published in a New York newspaper, he received a Facebook message from an 8-year-old girl asking permission to re-create the image in a painting. When she sent him the picture, Schulman was impressed and began a correspondence with the prodigy, eventually "friending" her entire family—including her attractive older sister, Megan. **A.H.**

EASY A (PG-13, 92 minutes) The film opens with Olive (Emma Stone) broadcasting a confession over the Internet, recounting the sordid episodes that caused her current predicament of friendlessness with a side of bad reputation. It all started with a lie to get out of camping with her friend's hippie parents. But her excuse spirals into a tale of "sexy Glade candles" and lost virginity. After

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Manny de la Rosa, NBC-TV

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Alex Gibney ("Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room"), Eugene Jarecki ("Why We Fight"), and Rachel Grady and Heidi Ewing ("Jesus Camp"). **M.O.**

HEARTBREAKER (NR, 109 minutes) This

delightful French romantic comedy is all about planting ideas in someone else's head. Except in this movie, the man who does it works while you're wide awake. That would be Alex (Romain Duris), the handsome heartbreaker of the title. With his team of two assistants (Julie Ferrier and François Damiens, playing Alex's sister Mélanie and brother-in-law Marc), he hires himself out as a professional se-

ducer of women around the world, making women realize that they don't really love their partner. Unfortunately, the team is broke, and Alex agrees to compromise his ethics, accepting the task of breaking up a happy couple. **M.O.**

LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS: THE OWLS (PG, 90 minutes) "Through our gizzards, the voices of the ages whisper to us, and tell us what's right," intones

a dignified owl in the sepulchral tones inflections of Hugo Weaving. How you respond to this bit of feathery hokum will determine how you'll feel about this film. Does its majesty send a shiver up your spine? Or does the very idea of an animated owl delivering this line induce — pardon me — hoots of laughter? The animated film follows two owl brothers whose destinies come into conflict. **D.K.**

LET ME IN (R, 115 minutes) Owen (Kodi Smit-McPhee) is a 12-year-old loner. He strikes up a tentative friendship with Abby (Chloe Grace Moretz), a girl who appears to be about his age, when she moves into the apartment next door with her weary-looking father (Richard Jenkins). Except that he may or may not be her father. At times, Abby treats the man more like a servant. And he obliges, making midnight runs to the convenience store parking lot for blood, drained from a high-school jocks. Owen, meanwhile, has been getting picked on. Abby, who has by now befriended Owen, doesn't like this. **M.O.**

MACHETE (R, 104 minutes) As capital-m Machete, Danny Trejo makes a ferocious first impression as a Mexican cop. In the film's opening minutes, he and his small-m friend are shown severing the heads of three drug-cartel goons with a single stroke. The event sets the tone for the rest of the movie, whose violence is so absurdly over the top as to be comical. The movie, co-directed by Robert Rodriguez and his longtime editor, Ethan Maniquis, is one big comic book. It's better all around if you can laugh at it. **M.O.**

NEVER LET ME GO (R, 103 minutes) Director Mark Romanek's film epitomizes the kind of somber, aesthetically refined and morally engaged film that commands deep respect without inspiring much affection. Adapted from the highly regarded novel by Kazuo Ishiguro, this ambitiously restrained film will most likely please fans of the book's dire speculative vision. The story is narrated by Kathy (Carey Mulligan), who, as the movie opens, explains that she started her young life in the 1970s, at a well-tended British boarding school called Hailsham. There, she befriended Ruth (Keira Knightley) and Tommy (Andrew Garfield), who along with Kathy live in a world that, while in many ways sequestered and pampered, has a castoff quality to it. **A.H.**

THE SOCIAL NETWORK (PG-13, 122 minutes) When a talky movie's talk has been written by Aaron Sorkin ("The West Wing"), and those words have been animated by the visual brio of director David Fincher, what looks on paper like a static series of dead-end conversations comes to life as a vital, engaging, even urgent parable for our age. As the dramatized story of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, the film can't be taken as the literal record of events — which involved Zuckerberg being sued by his partners and competitors. With surgical precision, exhila

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rating insight and storytelling flair, Sorkin and Fincher bring viewers along on an infectiously giddy journey of discovery and invention. **A.H.**

THE TILLMAN STORY (R, 94 minutes) When Pat Tillman enlisted in the Army in 2002, he gave up a lucrative contract with the NFL, an act that was celebrated at the time for its selflessness and courage. Two years later, as an Army Ranger, he was killed in Afghanistan in an episode initially described as a Taliban ambush; the former Arizona Cardinals player was awarded a posthumous Silver Star, and his funeral drew thousands. Weeks later, the Army revealed that Tillman's death was "probably" the result of a fratricide. But by that time, the military and the Bush administration's narrative of Tillman's life and death had taken on a life of its own. **A.H.**



Justin Timberlake, left, and Jesse Eisenberg take networking to a new level.

THE TOWN (R, 130 minutes) This film harks back to gritty urban thrillers of the 1970s with an assured sense of tone and style. Affleck has cast himself in "The Town's" lead role of Doug MacRay, a native of Boston's tough Irish Charlestown neighborhood, which has produced more bank and armored car robberies than any place in the U.S. Doug and his best friend, Jem (Jeremy Renner), are members of one of Charlestown's most notorious crews. When the guys rob a bank and take a manager hostage, the episode sparks a series of events that leads Doug to question whether he's ready to leave Charlestown's tribal life while being pursued by an FBI agent (Jon Hamm). **A.H.**

WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS (PG-13, 133 minutes) Michael Douglas makes a triumphant return to form as one of American cinema's great villains, Gordon Gekko, in the 23-years-later sequel

to the movie that captured the go-go '80s. In its own way, this film evinces just as strong a hold on its times, when terms like "subprime" and "insurance swaps" "credit default swaps" — phrases that would have been meaningless two decades ago — are the lingua franca of the financial realm. The crimes that Gekko went to jail for in Oliver Stone's original film now seem like child's play compared

with the shady deals his spiritual heirs have been confecting during his years in prison. Now released, Gekko has renounced his past and published a book called "Is Greed Good?" **A.H.**

YOU AGAIN (PG, 105 minutes) "You Again" suffers from an increasingly common movie defect: appealing supporting characters and main characters who are as unlikely as they are unlikable. At

the center of this unfunny comedy are Marni (Kristen Bell) and Joanna (Odette Yustman), former high school nemeses who discover years after graduating they once again have something in common: Marni's brother Will (Jimmy Wolk), who's about to marry Joanna. We see cheerleader Joanna tormenting the pimply, bespectacled Marni, then catch up with them today. Enter Sigourney Weaver

and Jamie Lee Curtis, playing, respectively, Joanna's stuck-up Aunt Ramona and Marni's mother, Gail, a neurotically competitive former cheerleader. They, it turns out, also have bad blood dating to high school. **M.O.**

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1 Nerd Up
This month's Nerd Nite is about addiction — and though it doesn't address our season-specific addiction to Halloween candy, we're grateful for the lectures on caffeine, Prohibition and the human race's history of drug use and abuse. In case you haven't been following, Nerd Nite is a semi-regular evening of lectures by people who hold forth on some esoteric subject, accompanied by music (provided this time by the Grand Candy) and beer. **DC9, 1940 9th St. NW; Sat., 6:30 p.m., \$10; Dc.nerdnite.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

2 Think Locally
D.C.'s rapid gentrification has scattered farmers markets all over the city, but some neighborhoods still don't have access to local or organic food. So, we have District Flavors, which is part seminar and part festival, all devoted to the benefits and deliciousness of local produce and products, and the importance of getting them into D.C. neighborhoods that don't have a Whole Foods. **Bread for the City, 1525 7th St. NW; Sun., noon-4 p.m., free; Hiphopcaucus.org. (Mt. Vernon Square)**

3 Father Issues
In the category of things that shaped your childhood that have become deeply disturbing, the fact that Bob Saget (otherwise known as Danny Tanner on "Full House") does incredibly dirty comedy is somewhere near the top. The ultimate TV dad shouldn't make sex jokes about his TV family! But he does. If you snickered when you read that, you should probably go to his show tonight. **Warner Theater, 513 13th St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., \$38; 202-397-7328. (Metro Center)**



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Never Let Me Go (R) 1:15-2:15-3:45-4:45-6:30-7:30-9:15
It's Kind of a Funny Story (PG-13) 12:05-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:35-11:45
Buried (R) 9:50-11:55
Waiting for Superman (PG) 12:00-1:30-2:30-4:15-5:15-7:00-8:00-9:45-10:45
Heartbreaker (L'arnacoeur) (NR) 2:05-7:05
Freakonomics (PG-13) 4:30-9:30
You Will Meet A Tall Dark Stranger (R) 12:00-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40

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Devil (PG-13) 12:05-4:50-9:55

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Never Let Me Go (R) 12:40-2:50-5:05-7:20-9:30
Cold Water of the Sea (Aqua fria de mar) (NR) (I) 5:00
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Alpha and Omega (PG) 11:40-2:00-4:15

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You Again (PG) 2:30-5:05-7:40-10:05
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Easy A (PG-13) 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45-10:10
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TV weekend lookout

Awkward, Frenzied

CNN's 'Parker Spitzer' tries to calmly bridge the partisan divide

Talk

FRI 8:00 In a world of good television, bad television and weird television, the new talk show "Parker Spitzer" (8 p.m., CNN) is more weird than bad. But that's subject to change.

The highly promoted series teams columnist Kathleen Parker with disgraced former New York governor Eliot Spitzer to discuss current personalities, events and issues, and interview guests. He's from the left, she's from the right, and they don't scream at each other. The show is clearly designed



to appeal to viewers tired of Bill O'Reilly's angry didacticism or the frequently pompous snark of Keith Olbermann.

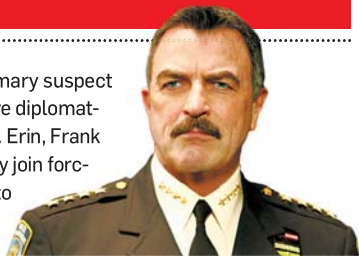
What it lacks in heat, "Parker Spitzer" compensates for with an awkward, adrenalized tone. The hosts sit entirely too close together. You half expect them to sit in each other's laps and finish each other's sentences.

Guests, issues and ideas arrive and depart with great rapidity here. It's rather hard to keep up. It makes one appreciate O'Reilly's so-called "Talking Points." They may be painful to watch, but at least O'Reilly is making a point. "Parker Spitzer" too often comes off like very nervous chatter. **KEVIN MCDONOUGH**

(UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

FRI 10:00 **Blue Bloods** (CBS) The primary suspect in a rape case turns out to have diplomatic immunity from prosecution. Erin, Frank (Tom Selleck, right) and Danny join forces to work within the system to bring him to justice.



FRI 10:00 **Gigantic** (TEEN NICK) How do you make it in Hollywood? It helps to have family in the biz. Grace Gummer (Meryl Streep's daughter) and Gia Mantegna (Joe Mantegna's daughter) star in this series as kids trying to navigate the perilous waters of having A-list parents.

SAT 10:00



Auctioneer\$ (TLC) What'm I bid for a reality series that goes behind the scenes at an auction house? This show chronicles the action at Phoenix's Auction Systems Auctioneers & Appraisers, where owner Deb Weidenhamer and her colleagues put thousands of items on the block each week.

SAT 11:30

Saturday Night Live (NBC) She's the woman you love to hate on "Glee." After this, will she be as beloved as Betty White? Probably not. But Jane Lynch is always fun to watch, so Gleeeks and nonfans alike should enjoy watching her host. (TRIBUNE MEDIA/UFS)



Cameos



Hello, Newman

You can take the actor out of the post office, but Wayne Knight, who is perhaps best known as the obnoxious mailman Newman on "Seinfeld," guest-stars in "The Good Guys" (9 p.m. Friday on Fox). The new episode "Little Things" finds Jack and Dan (Colin Hanks and Bradley Whitford, respectively) investigating a small-time mail theft that leads them—of course!—to something even bigger: an identity theft and forgery operation linked to a pair of murderous drug smugglers. Danny Trejo also stars. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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Today's Question

DO YOU THINK MICHELLE OBAMA IS THE MOST POWERFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD?

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Yesterday's Results

DOES THE WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH OVERSTEP THE BOUNDS OF FREE SPEECH?



“Yes, they did. Just because you have the right to voice your opinions in public doesn’t mean it is always right to do it.”

COMMENTER MINCHEVERLY

“No. As much as I hate to admit it, they did nothing wrong under the law. They had/have a severe lack of judgement, but they did nothing wrong.”

COMMENTER COMMON KEVIN

“No, but they certainly overstepped the bounds of good taste.”

COMMENTER MILDLYMISANTHROPIC

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“Who would have thought that ‘Halo: Reach’ grossing \$200 million on the first day would kick the ‘Halo’ movie back into gear?”

— PLATFORMNATION.COM REACTS TO NEWS THAT STEVEN SPIELBERG IS ATTEMPTING TO OPTION THE NOVELIZATIONS OF THE VIDEO GAME IN ORDER TO GET A FILM BASED ON THE FRANCHISE OFF THE GROUND.



“Was this planned from the beginning? Perhaps not. But at the very least, Gap is aware of your hatred (aka, ‘buzz’) and has opened the door to the possibility of fixing the problem, with your help.”

— ADWEEK.BLOGS.COM/ADFREAK THINKS THE CLOTHING COMPANY HANDLED ALL THE BLOWBACK FROM ITS LOGO CHANGE IN A TIMELY MANNER.



“This actually got me a bit verklempt. Imagine, power thru influence to improve lives and lift people up rather than making them buy or watch something. My kinda power.”

— THEPOLITICALCARNIVAL.NET WAS HAPPY TO SEE FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA TOP FORBES MAGAZINE’S “WORLD’S MOST POWERFUL WOMEN” LIST.

“When you’re dependent on the government, why should you be surprised when the government tells you how to live? I normally oppose the government’s efforts to manipulate the decisions in our lives, but in this instance, I support it.”

— SAYANYTHINGBLOG.COM BACKS NEW YORK MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG’S PROPOSAL TO BAN THE PURCHASE OF SUGAR-SWEETENED DRINKS WITH FOOD STAMPS IN AN ATTEMPT TO FIGHT OBESITY.

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Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your involvement in a project led by another can be mutually beneficial — as long as your attitude remains positive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Mental and physical health are more closely linked now than they have been in the recent past. Attention paid to both will be rewarding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Something you enjoy at this time may defy description, and yet there is no denying that you are onto something that affects you positively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A matter of taste must not be allowed to develop into a conflict. Remind yourself, and others, that it's a personal thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What you do during the day may carry over into your nighttime activities, and not everyone will think this is a good idea.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The status quo may prove somewhat frustrating to you at this time. Even a minute change can have a dramatic effect on your overall attitude.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're likely to run into someone again and again — and though you may not think so, there's more than coincidence at work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be sensing the odd presence of someone who is not in the room but whose influence is keenly felt. Don't speak out yet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A haunting of sorts may have you reconsidering decisions you have made in the past. A key relationship is worth careful re-examination.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone is looking out for you, but you may come perilously close to making an error that even he or she cannot avoid — or fix.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Though you may be telling others that it is all in the past, the truth is that certain issues continue to rise to your consciousness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Talk is cheap, and you're after something more from someone who is a new arrival in your life. Take care, however; don't move too quickly.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 195-205, BEST SCORE 259

I ₁	O ₁	U ₁	N ₁	P ₃	L ₁	R ₁

A ₁	A ₁	A ₁	E ₁	N ₁	C ₃	P ₃

A ₁	I ₁	I ₁	B ₃	N ₁	C ₃	M ₃

E ₁	E ₁	I ₁	D ₂	D ₂	S ₁	B ₃

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RACK 1

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RACK 2

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RACK 3

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RACK 4

Double Word Score

3rd Letter Double

Yesterday's Solution

N ₁	E ₁	A ₁	T ₁	E ₁	N ₁	
O ₁	P ₃	T ₁	I ₁	M ₃	A ₁	L ₁
G ₂	A ₁	L ₁	L ₁	O ₁	W ₄	S ₁
B ₃	A ₁	B ₃	Y ₄	S ₁	I ₁	T ₁

PAR SCORE 140-150

RACK 1 = 6
RACK 2 = 63
RACK 3 = 61
RACK 4 = 78
TOTAL 208

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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		2	8					
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Yesterday's Solution

3	2	7	1	9	6	5	8	4
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Forecast

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Today: Bright sunshine and nice today. Clear tonight.

79 | 56

Tomorrow: Brilliant sunshine and pleasantly warm tomorrow. Clear at night.

Looking Ahead

SUN **MON** **TUE**

78 | 59 81 | 60 79 | 58

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:10 a.m.
Sunset today: 6:40 p.m.
Moonrise today: 8:13 a.m.
Moonset today: 6:54 p.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 71
Record high: 93
Normal low: 53
Record low: 34

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Crossword

ACROSS

1 Loads
6 N.J. clock setting
9 Launches sky-high
14 What a roller
derby queen throws
15 Scone go-with
16 Lamebrain
17 Follower of Virgo
18 Carpet fuzz
19 In a slow tempo,
musically
20 Group living at
1600 Pennsylvania
Avenue
23 It might be
bridged
24 Palindromic
response to a
revelation
25 Cliffhanging
descents
27 Throws back from
a mirror
32 Source of
Samson's strength
33 Chicken ____ king
34 Capital of South
Korea
36 Cartoon duck
39 Full of ribald
humor

43 Babe in the stable
44 "Abandon hope,
all ye who ____ here"
46 Be nosy
48 It's pursued in
vein
49 Arctic ice mass
51 Working together
53 Turnkeys
56 Hothead's
emotion
57 Vessel in an
alcove
58 Alluring woman
64 Legendary
Western city
66 ____ Lady of
Fatima
67 Car seat
attachment
68 Islamic ruler (var.)
69 Carp from Kyoto
70 Drab color?
71 Out of ____ way
(safe)
72 L.A.-N.Y.C. flight
path
73 Apartment
renter's contract

DOWN

DOWN

- 1 Word with "addressed" or "control"
- 2 152, to Cato
- 3 Tues., for Tuesday
- 4 Like a fish's main fin
- 5 Wraps in bandages
- 6 Volcano in Italy
- 7 Joining stitch
- 8 Long-snouted critter
- 9 Frog's raft
- 10 "____ to Joy"
- 11 Buffalo wings, e.g.
- 12 Bottom line amount
- 13 Train terminals
- 21 Battled against
- 22 "Well, ____-di-dah"
- 26 Edith dubbed "The Little Sparrow"
- 27 T-bone specification
- 28 Dash of panache
- 29 Investigator
- 30 Podiatry subject
- 31 Islam's largest denomination
- 35 Tarzan movie

menace	of it
37 Cab charge	54 A bottle's
38 Primordial	bouquet
substance	55 Burning
40 Cheerleader's	evidence
offering	59 Subatomic
42 Artistic theme	particle
45 Workers that	60 Superior
provide high-level	relative?
coverage	61 Certain solo
47 Lightweight	62 Restrooms, in
umbrella	Britain
50 "... ____ he rode	63 Weapon with a
out of sight ..."	bell-shaped guard
52 Annoy	65 Birth-month
53 David was king	symbol

Yesterday's Solution

	B	O	S	A	P	E	R	H	O	M	E	
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FAILING GRADES

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68						69				70				
71						72				73				

Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

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Today in History

1934 Bruno Hauptmann is indicted by a grand jury in New Jersey for murder in the death of the son of Charles A. Lindbergh.

1957 The Brooklyn Baseball Club announces it is accepting an offer to move the Dodgers from New York to Los Angeles.

2005 An AP Television News crew covering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina videotapes three New Orleans police officers beating retired teacher Robert Davis. (Two of the officers involved were fired.)

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FINANCES**Maybe Octomom Could Give Her Some Money**

Toni Braxton has filed for bankruptcy a second time, citing millions of dollars in debt and financial problems exacerbated by a heart condition that forced her to cancel a series of Las Vegas shows. The filing will likely result in Braxton's having to sell some of her assets to pay off debts listed in court records as ranging between \$10 million and \$50 million. (AP)

**SURPRISE!****Radar's Anonymous Lohan Source Revealed To Be Michael Lohan**

Michael Lohan and Kate Major, his former (or not?) fiancée, are apparently back together, Radaronline.com presumes in a new story. The couple were photographed looking "cozy" and "in love" on Wednesday night at a charity benefit in Los Angeles. An unnamed source confirmed that "they were making out all night." (EXPRESS)



Also, Kate Major is Jon Gosselin's ex-girlfriend. She so traded up.

Victim/Dirtbag**She's Disguised The Money as 14 Hungry Children!**

Amer Haddadin, the owner of Nadya "Octomom" Suleman's house, says he will sue both Suleman and her attorney Monday unless he's paid. Suleman is two months behind on her mortgage and has a balloon payment due Oct. 9. "They have the money, and they are hiding it," he told TMZ.com. (EXPRESS)

**SILENCE BROKEN AT LAST****Sandy. Elin. Oksana. Her.**

Ex-"Jersey Shore" cast member Angelina Pivarnick says teasing and pranks caused her to quit the show, as seen on the Sept. 30 episode. Mike Sorrentino "called me a dirty hamster, but I cleaned that house up and down! MTV never showed that," she says in Us Magazine's cover story. "Mike and Vinny would call me fat, call me a whale." Once, she found "olive oil and grated cheese all over my bed." And, "it's probably going to take me a year to get over this," she added. Pivarnick says she no longer watches the show. (EXPRESS)

"Everyone, calm down. I met with mr. Cent about a potential project. There's nothing to report yet, ill let you know if there is."



— **CHELSEA HANDLER** TWEETS ABOUT WIDESPREAD RUMORS THAT SHE AND 50 CENT ARE HOLLYWOOD'S NEXT SUPER-COUPLE. THE TWO WERE SEEN SEMI-SNUGGLING IN NEW ORLEANS EARLIER THIS WEEK.



"God, it's him again? Can't we just get a glee club or something?"

SNORE**Photo Op Disrupts Orderly School Day**

Johnny Depp visited a London primary school Wednesday after student Beatrice Delap wrote Captain Jack Sparrow a letter asking for help "mutinying against the teachers" after visiting the set of the latest "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie. Depp appeared in costume at a school assembly and gave Delap a hug. "Maybe we shouldn't mutiny today, because there are police outside monitoring me," he suggested, and the children agreed. (EXPRESS)

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